

2020 Water Quality Report for City of Hartford

Water Supply Serial Number: 03070

This report covers the drinking water quality for the City of Hartford 2020 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2020. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 3 wells groundwater wells, each over 130 feet deep. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is. The susceptibility of wells 3, 4, and 5 are moderate. We also have an Iron Removal Plant that all three well pump into. At the Iron Plant we remove 98% of the iron and manganese giving the public much better quality of drinking water.

[There are no] significant sources of contamination include [ENTER SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION IF ANY] in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by [OUTLINE ANY EFFORTS INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN THE WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM].

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: please contact City Hall or Dan Staunton at 269-621-2477.

Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

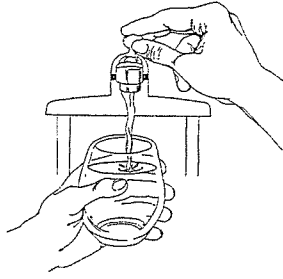
Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised

persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.



In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2020 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2020. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- N/A: Not applicable
- ND: not detectable at testing limit
- ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter
- ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- ppt: parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

1 Monitoring Data for Regulated Contaminants

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	0	ND-10	12-14-12	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.19	0.11-0.19	6-11-19	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge of metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	<0.050		4-6-20	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.2	0.2-1.0	4-6-20	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium ¹ (ppm)	N/A	N/A	18		4-6-20	no	Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	5.0	18.2-23.9	8-18-20	no	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	.00790	N/A	8-18-20	no	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine ² (ppm)	4	4	1.0	0-2.5	2020	no	Water additive used to control microbes
Combined radium (pCi/L)	5	0	1.25	ND-3.3	11-19-19	no	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Coliform (total number or % of positive samples/month)	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	2020	no	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli in the distribution system (positive samples)	See E. coli note ³	0	0	N/A	2020	no	Human and animal fecal waste
Fecal Indicator – E. coli at the source (positive samples)	TT	N/A	0	N/A	2020	no	Human and animal fecal waste

¹ Sodium is not a regulated contaminant.

² The chlorine "Level Detected" was calculated using a running annual average.

³ E. coli MCL violation occurs if: (1) routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is E. coli-positive, or (2) the supply fails to take all required repeat samples following E. coli-positive routine sample, or (3) the supply fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for E. coli.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)									
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant		
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (ppt)	370	N/A	0	0	2020	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities utilizing the Gen X chemical process		
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppt)	420	N/A	0	0	2020	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments		
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt)	51	N/A	0	0	2020	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities		
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) (ppt)	400,000	N/A	0	0	2020	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities		
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)	6	N/A	0	0	2020	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; breakdown of precursor compounds		
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt)	16	N/A	0	0	2020	No	Firefighting foam; discharge from electroplating facilities; discharge and waste from industrial facilities		
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	0	0	2020	no	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments		
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water ⁴	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant		
Lead (ppb)	15	0	0 ppb	.000-.002	2020	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits		
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0 ppm	0.09-0.30	2020	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits		

⁴ Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

Information about lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Hartford is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

Our water supply has 196 lead service lines and 654 service lines of unknown material out of a total of 850 service lines.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements:

The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. [IF YOU MET U.S. EPA AND STATE REQUIREMENTS USE THIS SENTENCE:] We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2020.

During the monitoring period from 1-1-20-to 12-31-20 we did not take the required number of routine samples for the WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS. This action did not pose a threat to the quality of the drinking water. The city missed a sample in the second quarter but we made that sample up. The city will do there best not to let this happen again.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at City Hall 19 W. Main St. [IF ALL CONSUMERS DO NOT RECEIVE A COPY BY MAIL OR DELIVERY, ADD THE FOLLOWING:] This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. THE CITY COUNCEL MEETINGS ARE HELD THE LAST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7.30 PM. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Dan Staunton 269-621-3022. www.cityofhartfordmi.org. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for the City of Hartford

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific analytes on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the April 1 to June 30, 2020, monitoring period, we did not monitor for Water Quality Parameters¹ (WQP) and, therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time. However, this violation **does not** pose a threat to your supply's water.

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do at this time. This is not an emergency. You do not need to boil water or use an alternative source of water at this time. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

The table below lists the analytes we did not properly test for, how often we are supposed to sample for this analyte, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date we will collect follow-up samples.

Analytes	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken between	Date samples will be taken by
WQP ¹	2 samples/quarterly	1	April 1 to June 30, 2020	September 30, 2020

What happened? What is being done? We failed to take and analyze samples for all the required parameters within the required sampling periods. Monitoring of WQP is an essential part of a corrosion control treatment program and is used to evaluate the potential aggressiveness of water on plumbing and fixtures. Sampling of WQPs is required to safeguard public health. We will continue to work with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy to resolve this issue as quickly as possible.

For more information, please contact Mr. Yemi Akinwale, 19 West Main Street, Hartford, Michigan 49057-1004 (269-621-2477).

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the city of Hartford.

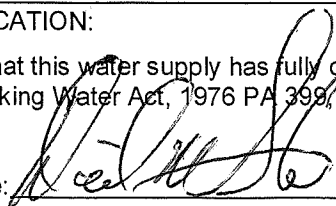
¹ WQP are a group of analytes that are indicators of corrosivity. They include pH, alkalinity, sulfate, chloride, and orthophosphate.

CERTIFICATION:

WSSN: 03070

I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification regulations in the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.

Signature:



Title:

Supt. Public Works

Date Distributed:

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